

**Report on the 2011 USWBSI Spring Wheat VDHR
Coordinated Project Planning Meeting
Held on March 29, 2011 in Brookings, SD**

A planning meeting was held on March 29, 2011 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) in Brookings, South Dakota, for the spring wheat VDHR Coordinated Project. Discussions revolved around planning for submission of the next biennial (FY12-FY13) spring wheat VDHR Coordinated Project (SPR-CP) proposal. These discussions largely focused on the topic of pre-proposal review and funding recommendation procedures carried out by the Coordinated Project Committee, (CPC) and ways in which this process may be improved. Further deliberations focused on spring wheat cultivar recommendations for inclusion on the ScabSmart website.

Twelve co-PIs and stakeholders on the most recently funded proposal from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota were either in attendance or joined via telephone conference call.

It was decided upon by those participating that the most pressing issue of the day was to attempt the creation of a modified plan for pre-proposal review and funding recommendation procedures. The intended goal is to improve transparency and increase collaboration among Co-PI's through sharing draft letters of intent and maximizing review iterations. For the majority of our meeting time discussions therefore centered on this group of topics. In the end, a procedural timeline was proposed that encompasses additional steps that are new to the pre-proposal review process in the SPR-CP. Each proposed addition or modification to the SPR-CP review and recommendation process will, however, be made to fit within guidelines stipulated by the USWBSI-NFO. Consequently, the steps that follow, and their explanations, are each subject to modification and at this point are only approximate.

- STEP 1 (May 15) draft letters of intent (LOI) submitted to CP Chair in PDF format.

- STEP 2 (May 20) Distribute draft LOI's to all submitters for their consideration and comment on all LOI's. Plan is to locate opportunities for collaboration and perhaps consider feedback to Co-PI's for the purpose of improving potential research projects.

- STEP 3 (June 15) Conference call to discuss draft LOI's. Hopefully at this point projects where collaboration seems justified will be linked and feedback will be provided to some Co-PI's where it seems necessary.

- STEP 4 (June 20) CP Chair asks for individual pre-proposal (PRP) submissions.

- STEP 5 (July 31) Individual PRP's submitted to CP Chair in PDF format.

- STEP 6 (August 5) Individual PRP's submitted for external review by TBD group.
- STEP 7 (August 20) Externally reviewed individual PRP's returned to CP Chair. ASAP after PRP's are returned from review, CP Chair asks that suggested changes be made.
- STEP 8 (September) Individual PRP's due to CP and NFO.
- STEP 9 (October) Final version of combined PRP due to NFO.

A discussion concerning cultivar recommendations for inclusion on the ScabSmart website resulted in the following suggestions:

'Rollag'
'Select'
'Breaker'
'Albany'
'Prosper'

It was unclear as to whether the group should consider making suggestions for removal of cultivars that are presently listed on the website. It was decided that if it should be done, the topic could be addressed at a later time.

Attendees

Co-PIs on current spring wheat VDHR CP:

Jim Anderson - UMN
Xiwen Cai - NDSU
Karl Glover - SDSU
Jose Gonzalez - SDSU
Scott Halley - NDSU
Mohamed Mergoum - NDSU
Senay Simsek - NDSU
Steven Xu – USDA - NDSU
Shaobin Zhong - NDSU

Other regional researchers:

Larry Osborne - SDSU
Jai Rohila - SDSU

Stakeholders:

Laird Larson – SD Wheat Commission